GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS OF KERALA
P.C. THOMAS

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted a scheme seeking financial assistance from the Union Government to save Rubber, Tea, Coffee, Pepper and Cardamom farmers of the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) & (b) No scheme seeking financial assistance from the Union Governmentin respect of Rubber, Tea, Coffee and Cardamom has been received from the Government of Kerala this year. The Government of Kerala has, however, given a Draft Project Report to Planning Commission forseeking international assistance for development of the Pepper industry, details of which are still awaited from the State Government.